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FOR SECRETARY SHULTZ

1. SUBSTANTIAL POSSIBILITY THAT CONGRESS WILL PASS JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT TO MFN TITLE OF TRADE REFORM ACT (TRA) CREATES MOST AWKWARD SITUATION FOR YOUR MEETING OF JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION. AS YOU MAY HAVE SEEN SECRETARY KISSINGER'S CONVERSATION WITH GROMYKO IN NEW YORK SEPTEMBER 25 GIVES PRESENTATION OF ADMINISTRATION'S POSITION (SEPTEL). YOU MAY ALSO ASSURE SOVIETS THAT ADMINISTRATION WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE STRENUOUS AND CONCERTED EFFORT TO PREVENT INCLUSION OF CREDIT RESTRICTIONS IN TRADE REFORM ACT. SEE ALSO WHITE HOUSE PRESS BRIEFING OF SEPTEMBER 27 (SEPTEL).

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2. HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE COMPLETED MARKUP OF TRADE REFORM ACT SEPTEMBER 27 AND IS SCHEDULED TO REPORT OUT BILL OCTOBER 3 AT WHICH TIME THEY WILL ALSO DECIDE ON REQUEST FOR RULE.

3. CREDIT PROVISIONS OF JACKSON-VANIK AMENDMENT DELETED FROM BILL IN COMMITTEE ON CHAIR'S RULING, SUSTAINED ON

APPEAL BY TIE VOTE, THAT CREDIT PROVISIONS NOT WITHIN JURISDICTION WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE.

4. VANIK AND SUPPORTERS OF FULL JACKSON AMENDMENT EXPECTED TO PRESS BOTH FOR OPEN RULE FOR MFN TITLE AND TO REINTRODUCE CREDIT RESTRICTIONS. REGARDLESS OF OUTCOME IN HOUSE, THERE WILL BE STRONG EFFORT IN SENATE TO INCLUDE ENTIRE JACKSON-VANIK WITH CREDIT RESTRICTIONS. KISSINGER

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